

REMARK

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended. All existing claims have been cancelled, and claims 16-31 have been added. Therefore, claims 16-31 are present for examination.

Election of Invention

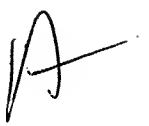
In the parent application, Serial No. 09/307,574, an election restriction requirement was entered. The present application is a divisional application directed to the claims within Group III, which consisted of claims 14-15. For simplicity in examination, the present amendment cancels the existing claims and replaces such claims with new claims.

Title and Abstract

The title and abstract of the application has been modified to conform to the claims herein. The original title and abstract were present before the required election of subject matter in this application and thus do not reflect the current state of the claims.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests examination of the claims presented herein and submits that the claims are in condition for allowance.



Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.


Charge our Deposit Account

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT

Presented below are the amendments, with changes indicated. Insertions are underlined and deletions are bracketed.

In the Title:

Please delete the title in its entirety and insert the following in place thereof:

[New title]

In the Specification:

Page 1, line 4, after the title "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION", please insert the following:

[New paragraph]

In the Abstract:

Please delete the abstract in its entirety and insert the following in place thereof:

[New abstract]

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-15. ~~Cancel without prejudice*~~

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27. [New claims]